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1.  The amendment filed on 31 December 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.312 have been considered, but it was not approved because the scope of claims is more broader as current claims amendment. For exemplary as claim 1, the invention used to be worked on single type logic devices and single type of guard rings per operation (step), instead of multiple types of logic devices and multiple types of guard rings are worked as single operations (step) as current claim amendment. It is also a same reason for claim 13 and 25 (independent claims) and 5, 17, 29, 30, 33, 35-36, 38-39, 42, and 44 (dependent claims).



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